

# IELTS *SmartClass*



The best Kings teaching, clear progress and real outcomes — from the comfort of your own home

The **Kings IELTS SmartClass** is a focused course delivered by our own IELTS experts to prepare you thoroughly for taking the IELTS Examination. You'll develop your core fluency, receiving expert instruction and preparation for the exam through specialist IELTS-focused lessons. This course requires a minimum level 4 on the Kings Scale (Pre-Intermediate).

Kings has been the official IELTS Testing Centre for the Oxford region since 1996. Since then we have tested around 50,000 students. Our expert instructors will fully prepare you for taking the exam from the comfort of your own home.

## Section 1: The essentials

### Key facts

**Start dates:** Every Monday

**Levels available:** Kings Level 4+ (Pre-intermediate)

**Class sizes:** Minimum 4, Maximum 8

**Minimum age:** 16+

**Minimum course duration:** 1 week

#### Lesson times

Class times and levels subject to availability

- BST: 12:00

**Price:** GB £175 per week

### Included in the price

- 22.5 hours of structured language learning
  - 12.5 hours of live teacher led IELTS preparation classes
  - 5 hours of structured interactive exercises
  - 5 hours of structured self-study
- Live group workshops focused on specific exam techniques, practice examinations and online tutorials with your teacher
- Initial level test, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Access to Classmate — the Kings online learning platform
- 12 months access to Microsoft Office 365
- Official end of course Certificate with level assigned

**Please note:** the IELTS exam fee is not included in the course price and should be booked separately. Please see our dedicated [IELTS website](#) for further details.

# Section 2: Course structure and content

## Course Structure

### 22.5 hours

- 7.5 hours of live IELTS preparation lessons (2 x 45 minutes per day)
- 5 hours of live IELTS skills workshops/testing exercises
- 5 hours of structured interactive exercises with other students
- 5 hours of structured self-study

## Course Content / Curriculum

**IELTS SmartClass** covers a wide range of areas focusing on the four parts of the IELTS Exam: speaking, reading, writing and listening. Students will be given training in exam techniques and strategies.

### Key areas covered include:

- understanding the requirements of each section of the exam
- understanding what the examiner is looking for
- planning and reviewing your answers
- time management
- mock exams: practise completing four parts of the exam under exam conditions

In addition to exam-specific training, the course also helps students to develop their broader communication and English language skills.

### English language development

- Communication skills
- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

### Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax
- Study skills
- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Learner autonomy
- Cultural and personal development
- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Teamwork and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

Students can also combine the **IELTS SmartClass** course with additional one-to-one lessons of IELTS preparation (supplement applies). Additional one-to-one lessons should be booked in advance where possible and are subject to availability.

## Sample timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.00 – 13.30 <b>IELTS Preparation Lessons</b>	<b>Writing and reading skills:</b> writing types; processes	<b>Reading techniques:</b> locating information in the text, dealing with True/False/Not Given questions and unknown vocabulary	<b>Writing skills:</b> urban problems, describing places and writing about advantages and disadvantages	<b>Listening and speaking skills:</b> listening to and talking about personal interests, eating habits, comparing and contrasting places of interest	<b>Exam techniques:</b> introductions and conclusions, differences in question focus
13.30 – 15.00	<b>BREAK</b>				
14.00 – 15.00 <b>Seminar/Group work</b>	<b>Grammar:</b> Using 'will' and 'shall' in polite requests.	<b>Vocabulary:</b> Common idioms and phrasal verbs used to describe behaviour	<b>Reading, listening and writing:</b> Giving tips on how to behave in different situations	<b>Grammar review:</b> 'Will', 'shall' and relative clauses	<b>Mock IELTS test</b>
15:00 – 16:00 <b>Interactive exercises</b>	<b>Managing discourse:</b> Conversations and discussions	<b>Switching register:</b> formal and informal	<b>Speed writing challenge:</b> Fluency over accuracy	<b>'Take Your Turn':</b> Collaborative listening	<b>Writing an exam:</b> where to start?
1 hour daily <b>Self-study exercises</b>	<b>Reading for different purposes:</b> An introduction to sub-skills	<b>Using synonyms to identify answers in a reading text</b>	<b>Identifying errors in a written text</b>	<b>'Who is Who?' Listening to detail from multiple speakers</b>	<b>Vocabulary development and consolidation</b>

## Section 3: The SmartClass Advantage

### 1. Choose your perfect course

**Kings SmartClass** courses are designed for specialist outcomes. A range of courses suits different needs:

- [IELTS SmartClass →](#)
- [TOEFL SmartClass →](#)
- [Essential English SmartClass →](#)

### 2. Live learning experience

**SmartClass** uses Microsoft Teams to make learning come alive.

- Interact with teacher and classmates in real time
- Live digital whiteboard
- Share screens, files, video and chat
- Break out into smaller groups
- Students also have access to a huge range of learning resources including video, audio and text-based materials.

### 3. Live teacher contact time

At the heart of every **SmartClass** course is direct live contact time with our expert Kings teachers. Students have **12.5 hours** per week of live interaction with their teacher.

Classes of between **4 – 8 students** mean lots of personalised teacher contact.

Optional **1-2-1 lessons** can also be added. Prices on request and subject to availability.

### 4. Lessons to suit different time zones

Students can choose lessons delivered according to their own time zone.

This can be requested when booking.

### 5. Friends from around the world

With **SmartClass** students can share learning with new friends from all over the world. They can interact with their new friends in class, out of class — and stay friends after their course has finished.

### 6. Real outcomes

Progress is tracked through regular assessment of class participation, tests and assignments. Every student completing the full course receives a Kings Certificate of Completion.

Students preparing for IELTS or TOEFL will be fully prepared to maximise their test scores.

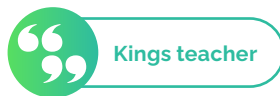


Kings student

"May I postpone my vacation? I do not want to stop my online classes. The IELTS teacher is very excellent, and she is also the IELTS marking teacher. In this afternoon class, the teacher's lecture caught our interest and made everyone enjoy it."

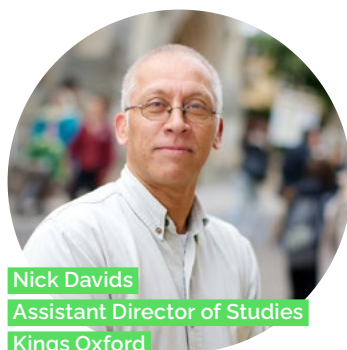
**Xingyan Cai**  
from China

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Kings teacher

"**SmartClass** gives the chance for some individual attention that sometimes gets missed in normal lessons. The different environment...works really well with smaller groups. It's more of a relaxed atmosphere which may suit some students."



**Nick Davids**  
Assistant Director of Studies  
Kings Oxford

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# Section 4: Practical Information

## Technical requirements

It's easy to get started with **SmartClass**. For the most immersive experience we recommend a modern laptop or PC. But students can also use a smart phone.

### Basic requirements

- Laptop computer/phone/tablet
- Stable internet connection
- Microsoft Teams download

### Further technical information

If you would like further details, you can visit this page:

[Requirements for Microsoft Teams →](#)

To download Microsoft Teams:

[Microsoft Teams Download →](#)

## How to book

We've made booking a **SmartClass** course as quick and simple as possible:

[Book course →](#)

### Notes on bookings

- Students must book with at least 48 hours' notice prior to course start date (excluding weekends)
- Students will first need to take the online Kings level test to be placed into the correct class. This must be taken under exam conditions without dictionary/internet assistance. Please submit this with your booking for the most efficient response. [Take the test here →](#)
- Confirmation of booking will be sent within 24 hours of receiving the level test.
- Students will receive details of their class times/level and the log in details to join their **SmartClass** course 24 hours before the start of their course.
- Payment can be made via our online payment platform or by bank transfer/credit card. See our [How to Book page](#) for further details.

## Time zones

This chart shows when **IELTS SmartClass** lessons are running for each time zone.

IELTS SmartClasses (British English)	W. Europe	Saudi Arabia	Moscow	Istanbul	Dubai	Delhi	Bangkok	Shanghai	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Sao Paulo	Bogota	Mexico DF
BST (UK)	1	2	2	2	3	4	6	7	7	8	8	-4	-6	-6
12:00	13:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	18:00	19:00	19:00	20:00	20:00	08:00	06:00	06:00